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List of themes in relation to the combined twentieth and twenty-first periodic reports of France (CERD/C/FRA/20-21)

Note by the Country Rapporteur

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session (A/65/18, para. 85) that the Country Rapporteur would send the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. A non-exhaustive list of such themes is given in this document, and other issues may be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

I. Legal and institutional framework, policies and programmes related to the implementation of the Convention (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

(a) Measures designed to ensure the uniform implementation of international laws and treaties, particularly the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, by regional and municipal authorities, taking into account the decentralization of the State party;

(b) Information concerning the financial and human resources allocated to the regional authorities by the State party in order to enable them to fulfil the obligations undertaken by the State party under the Convention (HRI/CORE/1/Add.17/Rev.1, paras. 1 and 2). Information concerning the training given to the staff of regional authorities for that purpose;

(c) Updated statistical data on the implementation of article 4 of the Convention for the period 2012–2013 and comparison with the preceding period 2010–2011 (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 159, 161 and 187 to 190);

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(d) Assessment and outcome of the implementation of the national plan of action against racism and anti-Semitism 2012–2014 (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 15 to 24; CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 9);

(e) Practical measures to combat racist and xenophobic speeches and statements made in public by politicians and prominent personalities (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 10); assessment of the impact of the January 2015 attacks on the attitude of the population and politicians towards foreign nationals;

(f) Position of France regarding the special measures provided for in articles 1, paragraph 4, and 2, paragraph 2, of the Convention in favour of certain racial and ethnic groups or individuals, particularly in the economic, social and cultural spheres; examples of such measures taken by the State party;

(g) Underlying foundations of policies aimed at combating regional inequalities in terms of development, the protection of cultural diversity and the protection of the most vulnerable population groups, in view of both the lack of demographic data based on ethnic origin and the State party's position regarding the existence of minorities (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, paras. 12 and 17; CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 7 to 10);

(h) "Objective" data drawn from studies, research institutes or NGOs, based on name, geographic origin, or nationality prior to French nationality, such as to facilitate an understanding of discriminations (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 11 and 12).

2. Overseas territories (arts. 2, 5 and 7)

(a) Measures to eliminate inequalities in terms of development between the various regions of New Caledonia (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 102 to 109; CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para.18);

(b) Recognition of collective rights, particularly to land used by the indigenous peoples of French Guiana (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 18);

(c) Updated information on and impact of measures taken to address the difficulties faced by the populations of the overseas territories in terms of employment, education, accommodation, public health and a sound environment (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 18; CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 110 to 128);

(d) Steps taken to protect, preserve and develop the languages and cultures of the populations of the overseas territories following the Estates General of Multilingualism in Overseas France (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 17; CERD/C/FRA/20-21, para. 249).

3. Situation of the Roma and Travellers (arts. 2, 5 and 7)

(a) Assessment and results of the national strategy for the integration of the Roma community;

(b) Progress made in terms of the education of Roma children, access to health care, employment, accommodation and encampment areas (for the Roma and Travellers) (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 14);

(c) Measures designed to avoid the collective expulsion of Roma (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 14);

(d) Implementation of Constitutional Council Decision No. 2012-279 QPC of 5 October 2012 and progress made in abolishing movement permits (CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 16; CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 78 to 86);

(e) Assessment of the implementation at the local level of the three circulars adopted on 12 September 2012 concerning the education of the children of Traveller and Roma migrants (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 89 to 93).

4. Situation of migrants and foreign nationals (arts. 2, 5 and 7)

(a) Comparative data concerning the situation of migrants and members of ethnic groups with respect to the terms of the Convention, in the fields of employment, accommodation, education and health (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 137 to 152; CERD/C/FRA/CO/17-19 and Corr.1, para. 13);

(b) Outcome of integration and support policies for migrants and specific groups (CERD/C/FRA/20-21, paras. 137 to 152, and 234 to 239);

(c) Measures and developments related to the situation of the inhabitants of suburban areas since the events of 2005;

(d) State party's position regarding the term "migrants".